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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I personally believe that this lawsuit against Microsoft is better settled. Even though many of the points enumerated in the suit were valid, the litigation was quickly getting out of control and could have resulted in a lot of unnecessary complications for both Microsoft and for the IT businesses in general.

The points of the suit have been adequately addressed in the settlement. The settlement, for example, requires more responsible and flexible attitudes by Microsoft towards its OEM licensees as well as to third party software developers, who will now be able to take advantage of disclosure of Microsoft software code. Microsoft's competition should be elated at this.

I am therefore writing in support of the settlement and hope that this kind of lawsuit be prevented in the future.

Sincerely,

Charles Johnson
Partner

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